GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
TOURISM
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TOURISM DEVELOPMENT IN GUJARAT .
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Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) Whether the Union Government has received any requests from the Government of Gujarat for financial assistance for development of tourist places in the State;

(b) If so, the details thereof; and

(c) The action taken by the Government thereon?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM AND CULTURE (SMT. AMBIKA SONI)

(a), (b) & (c): Yes, Sir.

Ministry of Tourism provides funds on the basis of projects prioritized every year in consultation with the State Governments/Union Territories. From the 10th Five Year Plan, Ministry of Tourism has been providing funds for the following schemes:

(i) Tourist Circuits

(ii) Product Infrastructure & Destination Development

(iii) Large Revenue Generating projects

(iv) Fairs and Festivals including Events

The following projects have been received from the State of Gujarat.

1. Integrated development of tourist circuit on Junagadh-Veravalâ€"Porbander- Dwarka.

2. Navratri festival

3. Tarnetar festival

4. Int'l Kite Festival

5. Sharad Utsav

6. Rural Tourism at Nageshwar Dist.

Project proposals received, complete in all respects, are appraised as per guidelines and on inter-se-priority basis and funds are released, subject to availability under the respective heads.

Ministry of Tourism has sanctioned the project proposal for Integrated development of tourist circuit on Junagadh-Veravalâ€"Porbander- Dwarka for an amount of Rs. 329.83 lakh in the current financial year. During the 10th 5 Year Plan (till 2005-06) an amount of Rs. 3283.14 lakh has been sanctioned for the State of Gujarat.